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| TYPE OF CASE<br><b>Protective Research</b>                     | STATUS<br><b>Investigation Cont'd.</b>        | TITLE OR CAPTION<br><b>Person Identified:</b>                                    |
| INVESTIGATION MADE AT<br><b>New York, N. Y.</b>                | PERIOD COVERED<br><b>11-14-63 to 11-20-63</b> | Name : <b>Josephine Patricia Kelly</b>                                           |
| INVESTIGATION MADE BY<br><b>Special Agent Harold G. Thomas</b> |                                               | Address: <b>Sherman Hotel<br/>71st Street &amp; Broadway<br/>New York, N. Y.</b> |

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Mrs. Josephine Kelly interviewed regarding the allegation that she is the daughter of Joseph Kennedy, Jr.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

This investigation was made as the result of a telephone call at 3:15 P.M., November 14, 1963 from Special Agent White, Protective Research Section, to ASAC Jukes stating he just received a call from SAIC Behn advising that a Stewart A. Schoen had called him and stated he knows a woman who claims to be a daughter of the President's deceased brother, Joe. Mr. Schoen had sent a telegram and a letter to Mr. R. O'Donnell, of the President's Staff, with a copy to the President. SAIC Behn said that Mr. David Powers, of the President's Staff, listened in on this telephone conversation. Mr. Schoen said he resides at 423 East 64th Street, New York City, telephone number LBhigh 5-7832, and is employed by McCall's Magazine, telephone number MURRAY Hill 6-4600.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

At 4:00 P.M., November 14, 1963, the reporting Agent went to 230 Park Avenue, 10th Floor (McCall's), and there interviewed Mr. Stewart Schoen regarding his telephone call. He felt that the information he had should be given only to the President or his designee. Mr. Schoen claimed that he has spoken to Ex-Governor Langley (State of Washington) who is now Chairman of the Board of Directors of McCall's, and was advised by him to contact the President by Registered Air Mail letter.

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|                                                         |                                            | APPROVED<br><i>[Signature]</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DATE<br>11-21-63 |

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Schoen claims to have very little first-hand knowledge about the matter; that everything he knows he learned from the woman. Schoen said he believes what the woman says about being the child of the President's deceased brother, and that she has had a very hard life because she has received no recognition from the Kennedy family. Schoen further states that the woman is threatening to expose the story for recognition or perhaps for money, since she is in financial difficulty at the present time.

Schoen stated the woman told him that Walter Winchell has hounded her for the story and that she has received threatening phone calls in which she has been told to keep quiet about the facts or her husband, hospitalized at the time, would be harmed. She also told Schoen that Federal Agents or persons posing as same have visited her, threatened her to keep silent and, on one occasion, took an invitation from Joseph Kennedy away from her at gunpoint.

Schoen stated that the woman campaigned vigorously for the President during his campaign, for which she has received letters of recognition, and that she sends candy to the White House on birthdays of the children, etc.

Schoen feels that the President is aware of the facts but is ignoring her. When questioned relative to his belief in the authenticity of the tale, he stated that her story was too detailed to be fabricated. Schoen said his phone has been tapped and that the woman's phone has also been tapped in the past. Schoen said he knew the woman for a period of several months, but has not seen her for approximately three months; that for the last three months he has had only telephone conversations with her.

Schoen said that Mrs. Kelly is married to John Kelly, an opera singer, and that she has three children. She is employed as a secretary by the Jewish Guild For The Blind or some similar organization. He said that John Kelly is in, or very recently was discharged, from Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, Fifth Avenue and 105th Street, New York City. His doctor is Dr. Jaffee.

When questioned pointedly regarding Mrs. Kelly, Schoen became evasive as to which name she is presently using or her exact address.

Schoen requested that he be notified first if Mrs. Kelly is to be interviewed, and he will set up an appointment. He insists upon being present when Mrs. Kelly is interviewed.

Schoen further stated that he has written evidence in a place of safekeeping, but that he will produce photostatic copies of such evidence when an interview is set up with Mrs. Kelly. He claimed that Mrs. Kelly has had a very unhappy life, partially because she has been threatened and intimidated by Federal Agents, and that if we attempt to threaten her his evidence will be released to newspapers.

The foregoing information was relayed to SAIC who directed the reporting Agent to contact the office of District Attorney Hogan, New York County, for any information on the subjects involved. Inquiry was made November 15, 1963 of Inspector Fred Haines, New York City Police Department, who caused a search to be made, and on November 18, 1963 the reporting Agent conferred with Inspector Haines and Mr. Richard Uviller, New York County District Attorney's Office, and there learned that Mr. Uviller has a file on Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly. The case is still open at that office, but active investigation has been stopped since there has apparently been no attempt to defraud, and therefore does not concern the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Uviller stated that he had first heard about this case from a Dr. Jaffee, Flower Hospital, Fifth Avenue and 105th Street, New York City. Dr. Jaffee is a personal friend of Mr. Uviller.

Dr. Jaffee told Mr. Uviller that he had been treating a Mr. John Kelly for a serious heart ailment during the last six or eight months; that whenever Mrs. Kelly was in the doctor's office she would mention the Kennedy family to the doctor, and finally during a visit she told Dr. Jaffee that she was the illegitimate daughter of Joe Kennedy, Jr., deceased. She claimed that Joe Kennedy had been involved with a ballerina (her mother) either in England or in New England. She claimed that her mother had been killed in England during World War II and that she had been raised by a woman in California.

The Kellys have paid the doctor only \$50 throughout the period he has treated John Kelly, but since the beginning Mrs. Kelly has promised that a research hospital would be built as soon as she got the money that was rightfully hers from the Kennedy family. She said that Dr. Jaffee would be the director of the hospital.

On November 18, 1963, the reporting Agent interviewed Dr. Israeli Jaffee who repeated the story in considerable detail and added that throughout the time he has known the Kellys, Mrs. Kelly has told him about appointments she has made for the doctor to meet the President to discuss the hospital. Just before the time for the alleged meetings, the President has suddenly become busy and unable to keep the appointment, and then Mrs. Kelly begins to discuss another meeting which she has arranged, or will arrange.

On Saturday, November 16, 1963, Mrs. Kelly told Dr. Jaffee that Mr. J. Paul Getty was sponsoring a party at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel the first week of January 1964, and at that time Mr. Getty would announce the new hospital and that Dr. Jaffee would be the director.

Mrs. Kelly requested that Dr. Jaffee write a letter accepting the directorship of the hospital, and give the letter to her; that she needed it. Dr. Jaffee did write a letter of vague acceptance, in accordance with directions of the District Attorney's office, copy of which is in the District Attorney's file on the case. Mr. Uviller also has a recording of a telephone conversation between Dr. Jaffee and Mrs. Kelly, in which the entire case is discussed.

At one of the meetings between Dr. Jaffee and the Kellys there was present a Connie Volpe (female, white, 30 years of age, 5' 5", blonde hair, attractive), who lives in Brooklyn. Mrs. Kelly said that Miss Volpe worked for the Secret Service in some capacity and that she would act as go-between for Dr. Jaffee and the President. Mrs. Kelly also filled out a "Security Clearance" form for the doctor which she said would be necessary if the doctor was to meet the President.

Mr. Kelly claims to be a member of the Presidential Opera Company. Dr. Jaffee called ASCAP and learned that such a company was in existence, but was unable to learn whether Mr. Kelly was a member.

Mr. Kelly is presently in Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital recuperating from a serious heart operation, and probably will be discharged on Friday, November 22, 1963. Mrs. Kelly told Dr. Jaffee that Mr. Kelly may recuperate from his operation in the Schoen family home in New Rochelle.

On November 20, 1963, Dr. Jaffee called the reporting Agent and stated that he had received a call from Mrs. Kelly on the morning of the same date. She said that Schoen's parents are on a round the world cruise and have stopped in California to talk to Mrs. Kelly's foster-mother about the matter. Mrs. Kelly also told Dr. Jaffee that Schoen has uncovered more confirming information. Efforts will be made to obtain the tape recording of this conversation.

Stewart Schoen contacted the reporting Agent at 9:30 P.M. on November 18, 1963 and stated that Mrs. Kelly would like to talk to the Agent on November 19, 1963 in Room 533, Flower Hospital, at 9:00 P.M.; that he and Mr. Kelly will be present.

This matter was discussed with SAIC Behn, White House Detail, on November 19, by SAIC Whitaker, as a result of which the appointment was kept.

(C) PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

At 8:15 P.M., November 19, 1963, the reporting Agent and Special Agent Gibbs arrived at the hospital and upon entering Room 533 met Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and one Concetta (Connie) Volpe, a friend of Mrs. Kelly. Miss Volpe lives at 1397 East 7th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is employed as an Assistant Manager by the National Notion Association, 286 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Miss Volpe said she was present in the room as an interested friend.

At approximately 8:30 P.M. Mr. Stewart Schoen and a friend, Miss Ann Powers of 321 East 89th Street, Apartment 3-G, arrived at Room 533. They also claimed to be interested friends of Mrs. Kelly. All parties in the room claimed to be familiar with Mrs. Kelly's alleged situation and believed her story completely.

Josephine Patricia Kelly, aka Josephine Patricia Ingrid Kennedy, said she was born in Hull, Massachusetts on July 25, 1935. She claimed to be 28 years of age, although in the opinion of the reporting Agents she appeared to be approximately 37 years of age.

Mrs. Kelly said she believed her mother (name unknown), a ballerina, was killed in an air raid bombing in a theater in Spain in 1937; that she had a dim recollection that her father was in the theater at the time. She claimed that after the death of her mother she lived with a Mr. FitzGerald in a hotel in Boston. The name of the hotel is unknown to her, but the first letter in the name may have been "B". Mrs. Kelly believed that Mr. FitzGerald was the President's grandfather. She claimed to have traveled to various parts of the United States with Mr. FitzGerald to visit her father. At many of these visits there was a woman named "Alice" present with her father.

Mrs. Kelly stated that her father was killed when she was 9 years of age, and that she was then taken to California by a governess, Alice Webb, present address unknown. In California she lived with a Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lewis, and that she considered Mrs. Lewis to be her foster-mother. Mrs. Kelly stated that Mr. & Mrs. Lewis were divorced and Mrs. Lewis has remarried; that her present name is Mrs. Raye Rozensweig, 3867 Sunny Dunes Road, Palm Springs, California. She further stated that while living with Mrs. Lewis there was a frequent visitor, John Fostini, an actor, who Mrs. Kelly eventually married when she was 12 years of age. Mrs. Kelly claimed that Mr. & Mrs. Lewis permitted this marriage and gave her identification papers in the name of Lydia Lewis, a daughter who had disappeared. Mrs. Kelly stated that she and her husband, Fostini, traveled to London, Paris and Rome in 1948 and that they returned to the United States in 1952. She claimed she had a passport

in the name Lydia Lewis Fostini. Mrs. Kelly claimed to have been divorced from Fostini in 1952 in the United States, but she has no proof of the divorce.

Mrs. Kelly stated that she then moved into the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in New York City. She said she had a picture of her father, together with letters proving her identity as his daughter, in the hotel room and that two men entered the room one day, took the picture and letters and told her to keep quiet about it.

Mrs. Kelly said she met John Kelly in 1953 and married him in 1954; that they then traveled to Europe and sometimes used the name Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni Millo, since her husband was an opera singer. In 1960, back in the United States, Mrs. Kelly worked as chairwoman for "Citizens For Kennedy" in Palm Springs, California.

Mrs. Kelly claims that Mr. Lewis, her foster-father, died in Los Angeles General Hospital, and that while there he told two nurses and one attendant of her actual identity. The names of the nurses and attendant are unknown.

Mrs. Kelly stated that Alice Webb appeared in California in 1961 and asked for money to keep silent about Mrs. Kelly's real identity. Because of her affection and concern for the Kennedy family, Mrs. Kelly said she gave Alice Webb \$150 and on several other occasions gave her merchandise. Mrs. Kelly said she last saw Alice Webb in California in 1962 and threatened to call the FBI if Alice Webb continued to call her.

In 1961, Mrs. Kelly applied for a job as linguist with the United States State Department and claims to have received a phone call from a Mr. O'Brien, in Washington, advising that she and her husband come to Washington as there was a job waiting for her with the State Department. After several weeks and another phone call, this time from a Mr. Edsel Taylor assuring her of a job, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly went to Washington per Mr. Taylor's instructions. Mrs. Kelly said they bought a 1961 Buick LeSabre from an automobile agency located at 1717 Rhode Island Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. She said they made a \$5.00 deposit on the automobile and that the salesman called Mr. Edsel Taylor to insure that Mrs. Kelly was employed; that Mr. Taylor verified the forthcoming position with the State Department. She then went to the White House and learned that she was not expected and nobody there knew anything about her or the promised job. They then left Washington and returned to New York.

Mrs. Kelly claims to have written to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Sr. in 1961 seeking a position; that Joseph Kennedy, Sr. called her and said he was going to Europe shortly, but that if she came to Hyannis Port before he left, he would see her. When she and her husband arrived in Hyannis Port

Mr. Kennedy had already left for Europe, but she received a letter saying that upon his return from Europe he would welcome her. An unknown man informed the Kellys that "the town was theirs" and told them they could buy on credit in many stores, in particular, the Hyannis Drug Company, a drug store in Hyannis Port. Mrs. Kelly claims that unknown people in Hyannis Port addressed her as "Miss Kennedy" on the street. After charging several hundred dollars worth of merchandise at various stores, two men came to the Kelly home, 95 or 97 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis Port, in July 1961 and identified themselves as Hyannis Port Police Officers named Hinckley and Dempsey. She claims they took her letter from Joseph Kennedy, Sr. and ordered her and her husband out of town.

Mrs. Kelly said they returned to New York City in July 1961 and lived at the Albert Hotel, 10th Street and University Place until January 1962. They left the Albert Hotel owing \$275.00 rent. In January 1962 they went to the home of Mrs. Raye Rozensweig, Mrs. Kelly's foster-mother, in California. In March 1962 they moved to Hollywood, California.

In September 1961, while living in the Albert Hotel, New York City, Mrs. Kelly claims to have been visited by two FBI men, one named Wood, who questioned her as to whether she was related to the Kennedys. She said "no", as the result of her recent experience in Hyannis Port. She also discussed with the FBI men the position in Washington, that never materialized.

The Kellys claimed to have gone to Brookline, Massachusetts in September 1962 because Ted Kennedy was running for office, and Mrs. Kelly felt she must help him. In Brookline, Massachusetts the Kellys lived at 21 Gibbs Street where she received eight or ten threatening phone calls from a woman telling her to get out of town.

The Kellys left for New York City in October 1962 and moved into The Earle Hotel, 103 Waverly Place, New York City. Mr. Kelly worked as a singer in Margherita & Bianchi's Restaurant, Greenwich Village, and Mrs. Kelly worked for the National Notions Association, 286 Fifth Avenue. She met Concetta Volpe there and worked as an assistant to Miss Volpe. In January 1963, Mrs. Kelly left the National Notion Association and worked for the United States Army, Air Forces Exchange, 8 West 14th Street, New York City until April 1963. She claims to have been discharged from there because she would not submit a security clearance form. In May 1963 she obtained employment with the Jewish Guild For the Blind and is working there at the present time.

The Kellys left The Earle Hotel in March 1963 owing \$126.00 back rent and moved to the Great Northern Hotel where they stayed only a few days. In March 1963 they moved to the Sherman Square Hotel, 71st Street and Broadway, New York City, where they are presently residing. They owe approximately \$275.00 back rent at the Sherman Square Hotel.

Mrs. Kelly said she has received and is still receiving threatening telephone calls that warn her to keep quiet about her identity. One time a caller left a number for her to call, TN ?, and when she called back she recognized the voice as that of the usual caller, a "Mr. Donovan." The call had come from 200 Park Avenue, New York City, the building in which Mr. Kennedy, Sr. has an office.

Mrs. Kelly stated she would not like the Kennedy family to be placed in an embarrassing position. She said she has received calls for several years, purportedly from Walter Winchell, and newspapers, threatening to print the story "when the time was right."

When questioned as to what she wanted, Mrs. Kelly replied:

- (1) Would like recognition by the Kennedy family.
- (2) Would like to protect the Kennedy family in case the story is exposed. She would rather have the story come out this way than having it uncovered by some newspaper.
- (3) If the Kennedy family wishes to help her financially, she would accept due to her present financial state.
- (4) Would like to be with her "Grandfather", J. Kennedy, Sr.
- (5) If the family would recognize her she wouldn't feel that money was necessary, but would accept if money was offered. Mrs. Kelly said that if the Kennedy family ignores her, she may have to go to the newspapers due to her financial difficulties.

Stewart Schoen claimed never to have given any money to Mrs. Kelly, although she had asked him for money in the past. Miss Volpe stated that she gave Mrs. Kelly \$900, \$500 of which Miss Volpe borrowed.

At no time during the interview of Mr. & Mrs. Kelly in Flower Hospital on November 19, 1963, did either mention Dr. Jaffee or the research hospital.

#### DESCRIPTIONS:

Stewart Schoen, 423 East 64th Street, Apartment 1-C, New York City, telephone number LEhigh 5-7832. Employed by McCall's Magazine in the Contract Printing Department, 230 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, telephone number MUrray Hill 6-4600, Extension 451. He is described as male, white, 30 years of age, approximately 6' 3", slender build, face strongly resembles that of the President, sandy brown hair combed in the same manner as the President's.

Mrs. John Kelly, aka Mrs. Josephine Kelly, aka Mrs. Josephine Kennedy, Sherman Square Hotel, 71st Street and Broadway, New York City, telephone number ENright 2-8400. She is described as female, white, approximately 37 years of age, 5' 5", red hair, very heavy, unattractive.

(D) DISPOSITION:

Interview at Manhattan District Attorney's Office disclosed that office has a file on the Kellys. Mr. Richard Uviller, District Attorney's office, stated that Mrs. Kelly had been married to a man named Geddes. Mrs. Kelly made no mention of this period of her life, nor did she discuss the period 1954 - 1960, although she related her story in chronological sequence. Efforts will be made to obtain the file from the District Attorney's office.

Investigation continued.